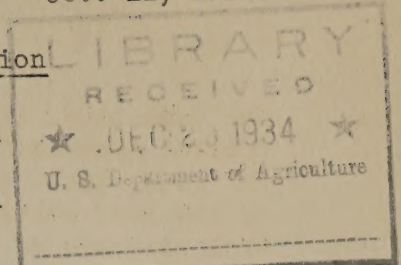


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Suggested State and County Organization
for the Location and Distribution
of Seed in Drought Stricken Areas



The following memorandum is designed to supplement the memorandum transmitted to State Extension Directors, et al., September 8, entitled, "Suggested State and County Organizations for Agricultural Drought Service." The previous memorandum outlined the duties of State and County Directors of Agricultural Drought Service and County Drought Committees with reference to livestock purchases by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and the determination of livestock feed needs and the location of supplies. To these duties are now added responsibility for assuring, so far as practicable, adequate supplies of suitable seed of good quality, through surveys of seed needs and supplies, through cooperation with the Seed Stocks Committee of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and local dealers, and in other ways. It is suggested that a State Seed Advisory Committee (already appointed in some States) be appointed to advise with the Seed Stocks Committee regarding varieties, tolerance, quantity of seed needed, etc.

County Organization

In addition to its duties in connection with livestock purchase and feed supplies, the County Agricultural Drought Committee shall render assistance to the farmers of the county in insuring adequate supplies of seed. Where the existing County Agricultural Drought Committee does not adequately represent the seed-using interests of the county, the State Director should add members to the committee to insure such representation.

Duties of the County Drought Committee

with reference to Seed

The duties of the County Drought Committee are:

1. Survey seed supplies and seed needs in the County, serve as a clearing house for information regarding seed, and arrange for educational campaigns to acquaint farmers with the seed situation and the location of available supplies. Every effort should be made to insure that local stocks be utilized to the fullest possible extent, other sources being drawn upon only as a last resort. The committee will also cooperate with the Seed Stocks Committee where outside supplies must be obtained.
2. Where locally obtainable supplies are inadequate and it is necessary to draw on those available through the Seed Stocks Committee, the County Committee shall provide for taking orders for seed and recommend their approval in accordance with the needs for grain production of the individual placing the order. Those financing their own purchases, those financed by the Farm Credit Administration, and those on relief should have equal consideration.

3. The Committee, in cooperation with officers of County Production Control Associations, should determine whether individual applicants for seed, particularly those who wish to purchase from stocks held by the Seed Stocks Committee, are cooperating in the production control programs of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Farmers, whose orders for seed are approved, should show that: (a) They are cooperating with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in production control through the execution of wheat, corn-hog, or other production control contract, or (b) while not having entered into a production control contract, the acreage of basic commodities to be planted and grown by them in 1935 is not in excess of the acreage planted to these commodities by them in 1933 or 1934, which ever is the higher.
4. Select with the cooperation of the Seed Stocks Committee and the Elevator Code Authority, and arrange for the bonding of responsible elevator managers and seedsmen in the county, who will receive orders for seed, handle all money relating to the same, and make an accounting to the Procurement Officer of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.
5. Assemble individual orders and place a consolidated county order with the Procurement Officer of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, 500 Flour Exchange, Minneapolis, Minn., and give directions for shipment. The farmer in placing his order may express a preference as to the approved distributor to whom the seed should be shipped.

Duties of the County Director

The duties of the County Director with reference to seed and his relation to the County Drought Committee with reference to seed matters shall be similar to those set out in the previous memorandum with reference to livestock purchases and feed supplies.

Seed Distribution

An educational campaign will be started at once to acquaint farmers with the seed situation, the status of local supplies and means of utilizing these to the fullest extent, and the possibilities of securing through the Seed Stocks Committee additional seed grain needed to supplement that locally available.

Grain will be shipped to designated shipping points by the Procurement Officer only on evidence (1) that there is a local shortage of adapted suitable seed and that additional seed grain is needed, (2) that orders for a like amount have been placed in good faith with the County Drought Committee or their designated representatives, (3) that local distributors have been designated and properly bonded, and (4) that storage facilities are satisfactory.

The Seed Stocks Committee will cooperate in obtaining seed supplies in addition to the quota that can be provided from the stocks conserved by the Federal Seed Procurement program.